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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH ON LAW OF THE SEA.

1. ON MAY 3, 1974, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MITCHELL SHARP ADDRESSED THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (CIIA) IN ST. JOHN, N.B. AND CHOSE AS THE TOPIC FOR HIS ADDRESS THE "CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA".

2. AFTER CHARACTERIZING THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN CARACAS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AS "PERHAPS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN MANY YEARS," HE REVIEWED THE BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE AND THEN TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE "BROAD AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN" WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

THE TERRITORIAL SEA. SHARP REITERATED CANADA'S POSITION ON THE 12-MILE LIMIT, AND CANADA'S DECLARATION OF EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONES.

THE CONTIGUOUS ECONOMIC ZONE. CANADA, SAID MINISTER SHARP, "CLAIMS AND EXERCISES RIGHTS OVER THE WHOLE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINENTAL MARGIN, INCLUDING THE CONTINENTAL SLOPE AND

RISE AS WELL."

THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. "...THERE SHOULD BE A MIX OF LICENSING AND SUB-CONTRACTING BY THE (INTERNATIONAL) AUTHORITY... AS WELL AS DIRECT EXPLOITATION BY THE AUTHORITY... CANADA IS PRESSING FOR AN ORDERLY REGIME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA, UNDER WHICH LAW WILL KEEP UP WITH TECHNOLOGY..."

NAVIGATION. INCREASED JURISDICTIONS CLAIMED BY MANY STATES WILL GIVE RISE TO MOST PROBLEMS. THE "SUCCESS OF THE... CONFERENCE" MAY HINGE UPON RESOLUTION OF THESE CONFLICTS. MINISTER SHARP GOES ON TO RECITE CANADA'S INITIATIVE RE A POLLUTION-FREE ZONE AND THE RIGHT OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUCH ZONES. "CANADA ASSERTS THAT A COASTAL STATE CAN SUSPEND THE PASSAGE OF A FOREIGN VESSEL THROUGH ITS TERRITORIAL SEA WHERE A SERIOUS THREAT OF POLLUTION IS INVOLVED." WITH REGARD TO STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOES, "CANADA LOOKS FAVORABLY UPON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO WATERS THEORY THAT IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE STRAITS ISSUE."

FISHERIES. CANADA APPROVES OF TREND WHICH GIVES COASTAL STATES EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OVER ALL LIVING RESOURCES WITHIN 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SPECIAL SITUATIONS, SUCH AS TUNA AND WHALES.

PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. CANADA SUBSCRIBES "TO THE IDEA THAT COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE STRINGENT STANDARDS OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION AGAINST MARINE POLLUTION... BUT CANADA, WITH ITS LONG COASTLINE AND ITS VERY SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS... CONSIDERS THAT COASTAL STATES MUST RETAIN THE POWER TO PRWScribe AND ENFORCE THEIR OWN ANTI-POLLUTION STANDARDS..."

MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. "...STATES SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL AND EVEN DISALLOW RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN WATERS ADJACENT TO THEIR COASTS..."

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